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### EDITORIAL

Quite often through the mails the

Recorder receives letters and articles of interest that people have asked to have published, but the forget one very important little thing, and that is that each letter and article must be signed with the writers own signature. This is very important and necessary as the Recorder refuses to publish even a news item that does not bear the signature of the writer if it is sent through the mail or pushed under the door. We cannot be too careful in this matter. If the writer wants to use a pen name it can be requested and will be used but the fact still remains that the article must bear the bona fide signature of the writer.

Even with the signature of the writer on the letter or article the Recorder has the right to refuse to publish it if it borders on the libelous. So in the future when submitting articles and letters for publication see that they are signed. If you are afraid to sign them then certainly we are afraid to publish them. We have no hankering to try explaining to a judge that the article was pushed under the door.

#### OUR SPIRITUAL PRISONS

by Joseph Lister Rutledge

The nations that fought so valiantly for freedom are seemingly forgetting what freedom is, or what it isn't. It is not freedom to live within the narrow bounds that someone sets for us, or that we set for ourselves. Freedom is a very relative term. As soon as we have decided that it is our birthright we begin qualifying it by the necessities of our daily living.

#### BUILDERS ALL

Surely someone has builded  
The pillar as well as the spine,  
The dome that the painter has gilded  
Was fashioned in somebody's life.

Surely men dug in the ditches,  
Preparing a place for the wall,  
And someone has made with their  
stitches  
The flag that shall fly over all.

Someone has blended the plaster  
And someone has carried the stone,  
Neither the man nor the master  
Ever has builded alone.

Making a roof against the weather  
Building a house for the King,  
Only by working together,  
Men have accomplished a thing.  
—Selected

ing. Otherwise my freedom would come to restrict the freedom of others. The freedom that I have to purchase and own a piece of land gives me the right to restrict your freedom to cross it. We see these conflicts everywhere in our world and nowhere is it easy to find an answer that would adjust the conflict in our varying ideas. But one place we may be free, free of the spiritual restrictions that we make for ourselves and that are so integral a part of all the bitter conflicts of our world.

Rabbi Wm. Rosenblum, speaking in a New York Synagogue had this to say: "This year 1949 may well be come a year of destiny if only the leaders of our governments and the people themselves emancipate themselves from the mental and spiritual prisons in which most people live today."

To this end he set down his own "five freedoms" as a pattern for our program of daily living. Consider

them: freedom from unwarranted suspicion, freedom from groundless worry, freedom from baseless fear, freedom from silly superstition and freedom from stupid prejudice.

#### THE EVER-LIVING PAST

The few things that during the last terrible conflict were safe as human thought could make them were all matters that focused upon human freedom, the one thing more precious than human lives.

Buried deep underground at Fort Knox in Kentucky where that large part of the world's treasure in gold—that belonging to the United States—was stored, there were some yellowing bits of paper. Gathered there for safekeeping were those records of man's long fight for freedom. These were the Magna Carta, The Gutenberg Bible, The United States Constitution, The Declaration of Independence, The original of Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

There are the treasures of the free nations.

#### HOW MANY CARS STOLEN?

About two years ago, a former car thief, writing in *The Financial Post* how simple the mechanics and paper-work of his racket were, said: "There's no central clearing house in Canada for car registration; there's practically no interprovincial

checkin and hardly any between municipalities in a given province. Surely that's one thing that can be fixed."

That's what you would think says the *Financial Post* editorially. But it hasn't been, and there's little if anything to indicate that any steps are being taken to eliminate this simple obstruction in the major problem of car thievery.

In the United States, car stealing

now ranks as the third most prevalent major crime—184,000 thefts in 1947.

How many cars are stolen (and recovered) in Canada each year? There's no answer to that question:

no way of getting one short of collecting figures not from each province, but from every police chief in the Dominion.

A car stolen in one province can be sold in the next province—illegally, of course—with comparative ease by even a novice at car thieving, without having to go through the rudiments of filing down the engine numbers or doing a repaint job.

Surely, authorities don't need to go on fumbling this important matter any longer. Car stealing now is too easy—scandalously easy.



Chase, in The New Orleans States.

### SYMBOLS OF SAFETY



When battles were fought with spears and swords, armour afforded a measure of protection. The Knight in Armour became a feudal symbol of safety. Then came gunpowder and suits of armour were only good for collecting dust. Is your present day method of saving obsolete too?

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